



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship,  
commencing at **9-30am** every Sunday



## Pentecost 3 18 June 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Debby Hardy  
Coffee/Tea: Brian & Barbara Smith  
Reader: Sue Lawrence  
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann  
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch  
Worship Leader: Jenni Anderson  
Speaker: Frances Davy



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Speaker: Cheryl Lim



### Readings from the Lectionary

Gen 18:1-15, (21:1-7)  
Ps 116:1-2, 12-19  
Rom 5:1-8  
Mt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Gen 21:8-21  
Ps 86:1-10, 16-17  
Rom 6:1b-11  
Mt 10:24-39



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*Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."*

## Ministry to People in Need

There's a wonderful legend about Saint Francis, the kindly thirteenth century monk, who one day informed his brethren that he planned to go into the nearby village on a preaching mission. He invited a novice to go along. On their way, they passed an injured man and Francis promptly stopped, saw to the poor fellow's needs and arranged medical care for him. They went on and soon passed a homeless man who was near starvation. Again, Francis stopped his journey and ministered to the hungry, homeless man. So it went, through the day: people in need, Francis lovingly caring for them as best he could until the sun was low in the sky. He told his novice friend it was time for them to return, now, to the monastery for evening prayers. But the young man said, "Father, you said we were coming to town to preach to the people." Francis smiled. Then he said, "My friend, that's what we've been doing all day."



That's evangelism at its most faithful. Ministry to people in their need. Not worrying about numerical growth, or adding to one's own conversion record, or winning acclaim within the denomination. Evangelism is sharing the love of God in concrete form among God's people.

E. Carver McGriff, *Times of Refreshing*, CSS Publishing Company

## From 12 to 1 Billion

From the twelve, the group grew to 120 by Ascension Day. A little over a week later, on Pentecost, it increased to over 3,000. By the time the last of the twelve died, there were an estimated half-million followers of Jesus Christ. That was the end of the first century. By the end of the second century, this number had increased to almost ten million. By the end of the third century, all heathen temples were destroyed or converted into church sanctuaries. By the close of the ninth century, there were 100 million Christians. Today, the number has grown to over one billion believers around the world. None of this growth would have been possible had Christians not been excited and supportive of missions or prayed to "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."



Dennis Kastens, *Labourers Needed for the Harvest* (Edited)



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be on the next Enablers' List. Without your help our church and Sunday services would be a sad shadow of our wonderful church community. It is hoped that the list will be completed and circulated by Sunday 25 June. If you haven't volunteered, but would like to join in, please email Peter as soon as possible at [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)

## A Pentecostal Prayer

Come to us God almighty,  
Send your Spirit to ignite the fire in our hearts  
And feed your flame within.  
Rushing wind blow on us, grow the sparks and spread them,  
Let your Spirit prepare, Strengthen and equip us.  
Come to us Lord Jesus.  
Send your spirit.  
Let it proclaim who you are,  
And multiply your presence throughout the earth.  
Ignite its flame to fill us with generosity and caring.  
Come to us Spirit of truth, Consume us with your fire.  
Let your power shape our world with love and peace and justice.  
Let your love fill our world with compassion, and joy and hope.  
**Amen**



Author unknown (Edited)

## A Prayer Against War

Dear Lord, today we commit all the leaders in the world into your hands.  
Please fill their hearts with peace and love.  
Please don't let people's greed destroy the lives of your innocent children and  
Destroy the evil plans of the callous.  
Let our leaders put to rest all hatred and let forgiveness reign.  
We pray for the leaders who can put an end to war and violence on earth.  
Give them the wisdom to stop the mindless destruction of lives and property.  
We ask you to save all your children from the world's crises.  
Oh Lord, please cleanse our planet of evil and let us all live in peace and harmony,  
Now and for evermore.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**



<https://thegracefulchpater.com/prayers> (edited)



*A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to fellowship with us after the service.*



## Busy Bee!

Six or more volunteers are needed for a busy bee which, Weather permitting, will be held at the church this **Saturday, 17th June, from 9-00 am** for 2-3 hours.

The aim is to start tidying up and preparing the paved area at the north end of the church for a service to be held outdoors at a later date. (It is anticipated that a second busy bee will be required closer to the event).

Please contact Keith Johnston if you are able to come or you need more information on M: 0419 641 055 or E: [kjohnston140@gmail.com](mailto:kjohnston140@gmail.com) On the day, please bring gardening gloves and any of the following gear which you may have: a shovel, pruning equipment, and/or tools for laying paving bricks.



## Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

**For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday**

Seven Trees Café, 11 Galbraith Loop, Falcon

**For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Tuesday 20th June**

and every fortnight at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

**For more information** please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)

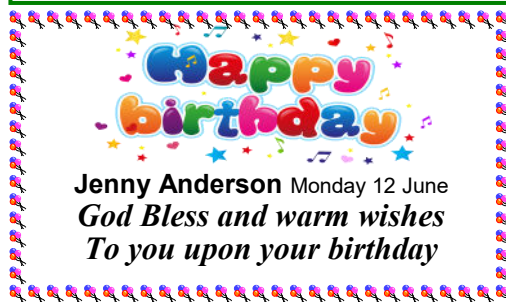


## Refugee Sunday

This year **Refugee Week 2023** is from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June. The Social Justice Commission of the Uniting Church, Synod of Western Australia, has collated a series of prayers and reflections with the theme "Finding Freedom".

The information which was circulated was in the form of a suggestion for a service, and may serve as a basis for your prayers in the coming week. It can be found at:

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/social-justice/human-rights/refugees/>



Jenny Anderson Monday 12 June  
*God Bless and warm wishes  
To you upon your birthday*

## Pastoral Care

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